

A map of the United States is shown within a blue circular border. The map is overlaid with a grid of small squares in green, yellow, and blue. The text "VA HEALTH CARE ATLAS" and "FY- 2000" is centered over the map. The word "Canada" is at the top, "Mexico" is at the bottom, and "Gulf of Mexico" is at the bottom right.

# VA HEALTH CARE ATLAS

## FY- 2000



### Introduction

The gold standard for veteran population estimates is the decennial census of the population conducted by the Census Bureau, a subunit of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The latest census, Census 2000, provides the basis for the tables and maps presented in this chapter. Veteran status and period of service questions were asked on the Census 2000 long form that was distributed to 1-in-6 households. The questions as they appeared on the survey are presented below:

20a. Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? *Active duty does not include training for the Reserves or National Guard, but DOES include activation, for example, for the Persian Gulf War.*

- ☐ Yes, now on active duty
- ☐ Yes, on active duty in past, but not now
- ☐ No, training for Reserves or National Guard only
- ☐ No, never served in the military

b. When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? *Mark x for EACH period in which this person served.*

- ☐ April 1995 or later
- ☐ August 1990 to March 1995 (including Persian Gulf War)
- ☐ September 1980 to July 1990
- ☐ May 1975 to August 1980
- ☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 – April 1975)
- ☐ February 1955 to July 1964
- ☐ Korean conflict (June 1950 – January 1955)
- ☐ World War II (September 1940 – July 1947)
- ☐ Some other time

c. In total, how many years of active-duty military service has this person had?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2 years or more

### Data Sources

The data source for the maps and tables in this chapter come from the Census Web site (<http://www.census.gov>). Total veteran population was abstracted from the 100 and Sample profile database at:

[http://www2.census.gov/census\\_2000/datasets/100\\_and\\_sample\\_profile/](http://www2.census.gov/census_2000/datasets/100_and_sample_profile/). This file was released in June 2002.

Information regarding the veteran population by age (under 65 years, 65 years and older) and by gender was obtained from the Summary File 3 data that was released on a state-by-state basis throughout the year 2002.

In the Department of Veterans Affairs, data on veterans can be obtained by region, state, congressional district, period of service by state, and age by sex by state in an easy pull down menu format at: <http://www.va.gov/vetdata/Census2000/>.

### Data Presented

The tables and maps presented in this chapter portray the veteran population at the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN), state, and county level. Of special note is that in FY-2000 the VHA had 22 VISNs; that number decreased in FY-2002 when VISN 13 and VISN 14 were combined to form VISN 23.



### National and VISN Totals

Table 1.1 presents the number of veterans by age and gender for each of the Veteran Integrated Service Networks (VISN), as well as a national total. In April 2000, there were an estimated 26,549,704 veterans living in the United States and Puerto Rico. The most populous VISNs include the South Central (VISN 16), the Sunshine (VISN 8), and the Desert Pacific (VISN 22) Networks. The VISNs with the lowest numbers of veterans were the Central Plains (VISN 14) with 495,976 veterans, Upstate New York (VISN 2) with 617,040 veterans, and the Upper Midwest (VISN 13) with 688,301 veterans.

### Elderly Veterans

Nationally, 9,722,988 veterans were 65 years of age and older in April 2000. This number represents approximately 37% of the total veteran population. VISNs with largest numbers of veterans 65 years of age and older include the Sunshine Network (VISN 8), the Stars and Strips Network (4) and the South Central Network (16). Older veterans as a percentage of total veteran population, however, show that the New York/New Jersey (VISN 3) had the largest proportion of its veteran population 65 years of age and older (45.2%). VISN 8 was second in terms of the proportion of older veterans (44.4%), followed by the Stars and Stripes Network (VISN 4) and New England (VISN 1) each with over 40% of their veteran population 65 years of age and older. VISNs that had the lowest percentage of older veterans included: the Atlantic (VISN 7) with 30.3%, Capital (VISN 5) with 31.1%, and Northwest (VISN 20) with 31.3% in the 65 years of age and over category.

### Female Veterans

The number of female veterans totaled 1,600,122 in April 2000. There were five VISNs where the total number of female veterans exceeded 100,000 individuals: South Central (VISN 16), Sunshine (VISN 8), Desert Pacific (VISN 22), Atlantic (VISN 7), and Mid-Atlantic (VISN 6).

Nationally, female veterans represent about 6% of the total veteran population. Female veterans, as a percentage of the total VISN veteran population, ranged from a low of 4.7% in the New York/New Jersey Network (VISN 3) to a high of 8.4% in the Capital Network (VISN 5).

### Veterans as a Percent of the Civilian Population

Table 1.2 provides information on the total veteran population, the number of the civilian population 18 years and older, and veterans as a percentage of the civilian population over the age of 18. By VISN, the percent veteran in the civilian population ranged from a low of 8.4% in the New York/New Jersey (VISN 3) Network to a high of 15.5% in the Northwest Network (VISN 20).

The total, number of veterans 65 years of age and older and the number of female veterans are displayed graphically in Maps 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 below. We present numbers rather than percentages because of feedback given to us by several Network Directors during the Special Poster Session at the HSR&D Annual Meeting in February 2003.



## Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN)

Table 1.1: Veteran Population by Age (<65,65+) and Gender

| Veteran Population by Age (<65, 65+) and Gender |                   |                  |                  |                |                   |
|---|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Veterans Integrated Service Network, April 2000 |                   |                  |                  |                |                   |
| Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN)      | Male Veterans     |                  | Female Veterans  |                | Total Veterans    |
|   | 18 - 64 Years     | 65 and older     | 18 - 64 Years    | 65 and older   | All ages          |
| New England (1)                                 | 739,386           | 517,738          | 47,238           | 23,571         | 1,327,933         |
| Upstate NY (2)                                  | 349,666           | 236,084          | 22,976           | 8,314          | 617,040           |
| NY/NJ (3)                                       | 634,436           | 538,921          | 40,592           | 17,040         | 1,230,989         |
| Stars and Stripes (4)                           | 895,919           | 659,795          | 57,520           | 22,120         | 1,635,354         |
| Capitol (5)                                     | 511,731           | 245,914          | 58,365           | 11,056         | 827,066           |
| Mid-Atlantic (6)                                | 852,560           | 425,684          | 91,231           | 14,403         | 1,383,878         |
| Atlantic (7)                                    | 953,749           | 440,065          | 93,161           | 14,170         | 1,501,145         |
| Sunshine (8)**                                  | 990,473           | 825,660          | 86,389           | 33,204         | 1,935,726         |
| Mid-South (9)                                   | 677,470           | 362,135          | 49,215           | 10,428         | 1,099,248         |
| Ohio (10)                                       | 632,624           | 378,427          | 42,498           | 12,528         | 1,066,077         |
| Vets in Partnership (11)                        | 920,873           | 538,295          | 57,665           | 16,518         | 1,533,351         |
| Great Lakes (12)                                | 710,253           | 450,257          | 47,022           | 14,332         | 1,221,864         |
| Upper Midwest (13)                              | 411,024           | 244,384          | 25,454           | 7,439          | 688,301           |
| Central Plains (14)                             | 285,142           | 186,749          | 18,561           | 5,524          | 495,976           |
| Heartland (15)                                  | 604,816           | 370,747          | 44,496           | 10,706         | 1,030,765         |
| South Central (16)                              | 1,183,331         | 643,006          | 99,278           | 21,296         | 1,946,911         |
| Heart of Texas (17)                             | 678,128           | 333,973          | 67,548           | 12,830         | 1,092,479         |
| Southwest (18)                                  | 542,357           | 341,101          | 50,254           | 14,817         | 948,529           |
| Rocky Mt. (19)                                  | 500,109           | 246,447          | 42,751           | 10,062         | 799,369           |
| Northwest (20)                                  | 789,976           | 372,847          | 68,205           | 17,680         | 1,248,708         |
| Sierra Pacific (21)                             | 751,895           | 445,220          | 60,734           | 22,416         | 1,280,265         |
| Desert Pacific (22)                             | 959,717           | 570,498          | 79,928           | 28,587         | 1,638,730         |
| <b>National Total</b>                           | <b>15,575,635</b> | <b>9,373,947</b> | <b>1,251,081</b> | <b>349,041</b> | <b>26,549,704</b> |

\*\*Total includes Puerto Rico



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### Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN)

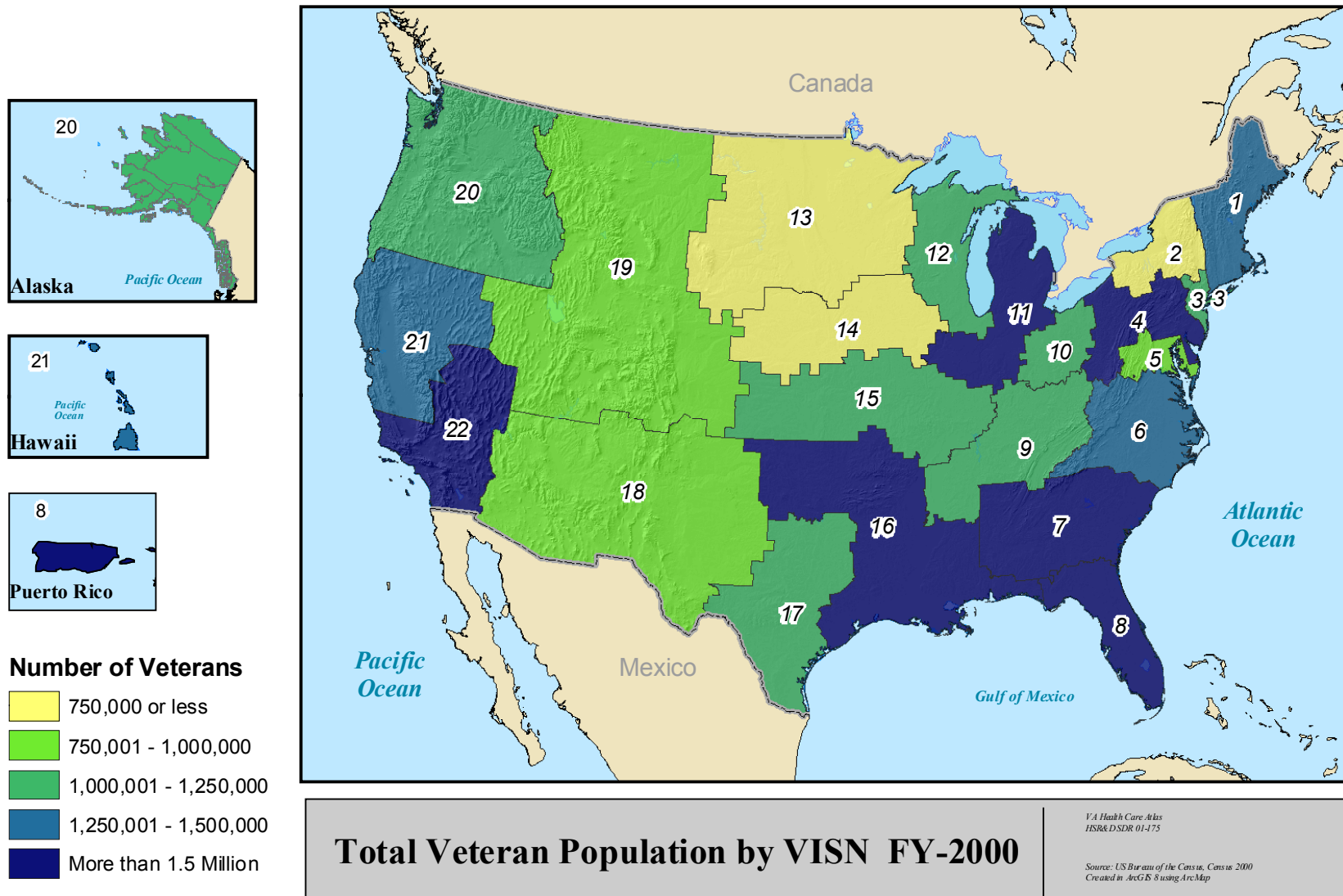
Table 1.2: Veteran Population as a Percentage of the Civilian Population

| Veteran Population as a Percentage of the Civilian Population 18+ by VISN, 2000 |                    |                         |           |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Veterans Integrated Service Network   | Veteran Population | Civilian Population 18+ | % Veteran |
| New England (1)   | 1,327,933          | 10,514,917              | 12.6      |
| Upstate New York (2)  | 617,040            | 4,575,499               | 13.5      |
| New York/New Jersey (3)   | 1,230,989          | 14,630,331              | 8.4       |
| Stars and Stripes (4)   | 1,635,345          | 11,906,886              | 13.7      |
| Capital (5)   | 827,066            | 6,205,775               | 13.3      |
| Mid-Atlantic (6)  | 1,383,878          | 9,772,405               | 14.2      |
| Atlantic (7)  | 1,501,145          | 11,248,622              | 13.3      |
| Sunshine (8)  | 1,935,726          | 14,731,512              | 13.1      |
| Mid-South (9)   | 1,099,248          | 8,643,762               | 12.7      |
| Ohio (10)   | 1,066,077          | 7,873,735               | 13.5      |
| Vets in Partnership (11)  | 1,533,351          | 12,217,202              | 12.6      |
| Great Lakes (12)  | 1,221,864          | 11,011,383              | 11.1      |
| Upper Midwest (13)  | 688,301            | 5,246,681               | 13.1      |
| Central Plains (14)   | 495,975            | 3,643,105               | 13.6      |
| Heartland (15)  | 1,030,765          | 7,296,393               | 14.1      |
| South Central (16)  | 1,946,911          | 14,858,491              | 13.1      |
| Heart of Texas (17)   | 1,092,479          | 8,927,720               | 12.2      |
| Southwest (18)  | 948,529            | 6,675,678               | 14.2      |
| Rocky Mountain (19)   | 799,369            | 5,934,488               | 13.5      |
| Northwest (20)  | 1,248,708          | 8,079,374               | 15.5      |
| Sierra Pacific (21)   | 1,280,265          | 11,012,887              | 11.6      |
| Desert Pacific (22)   | 1,638,730          | 15,789,561              | 10.4      |



## Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN)

Map 1.1: Total Veteran Population

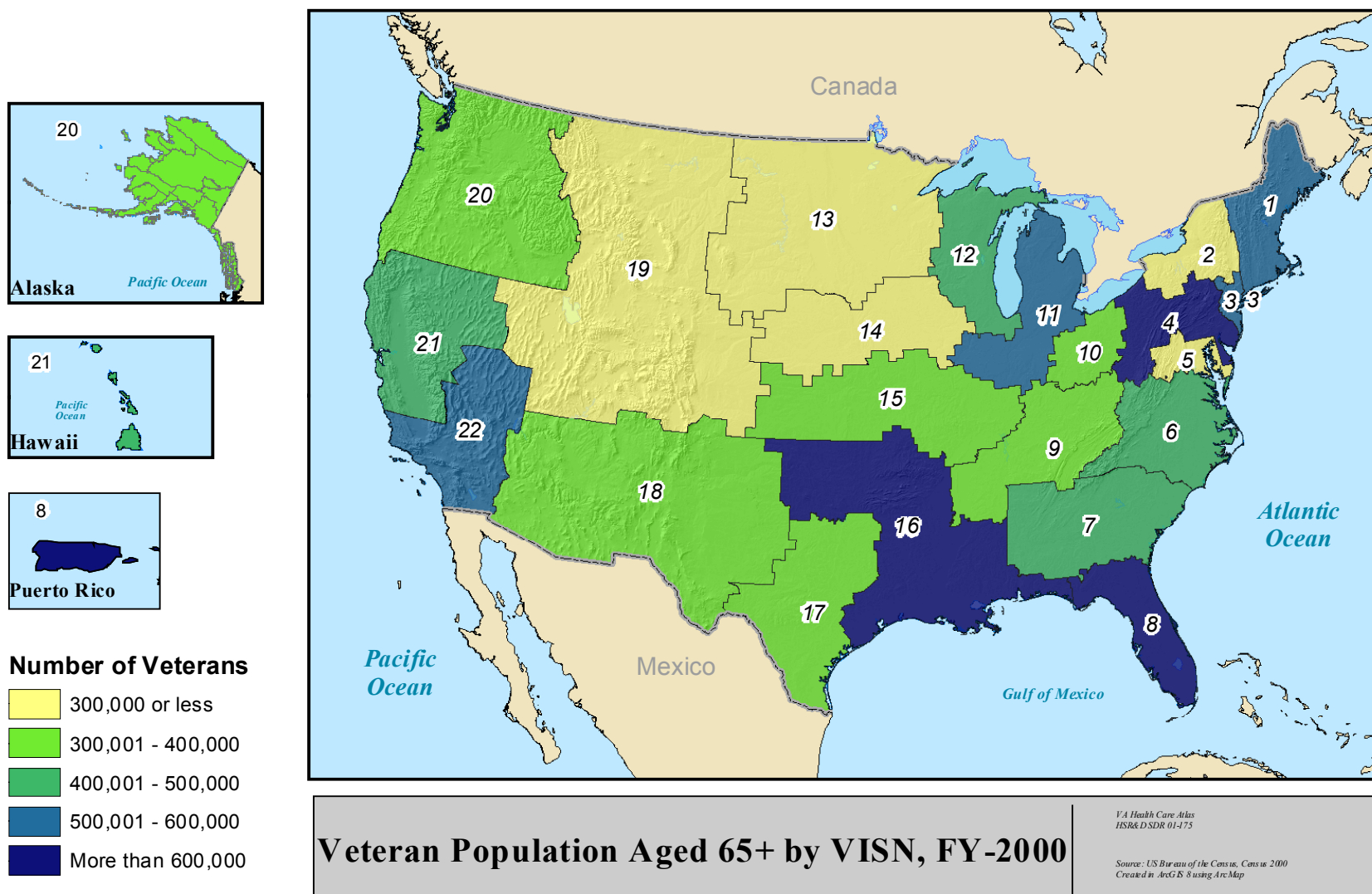




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## Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN)

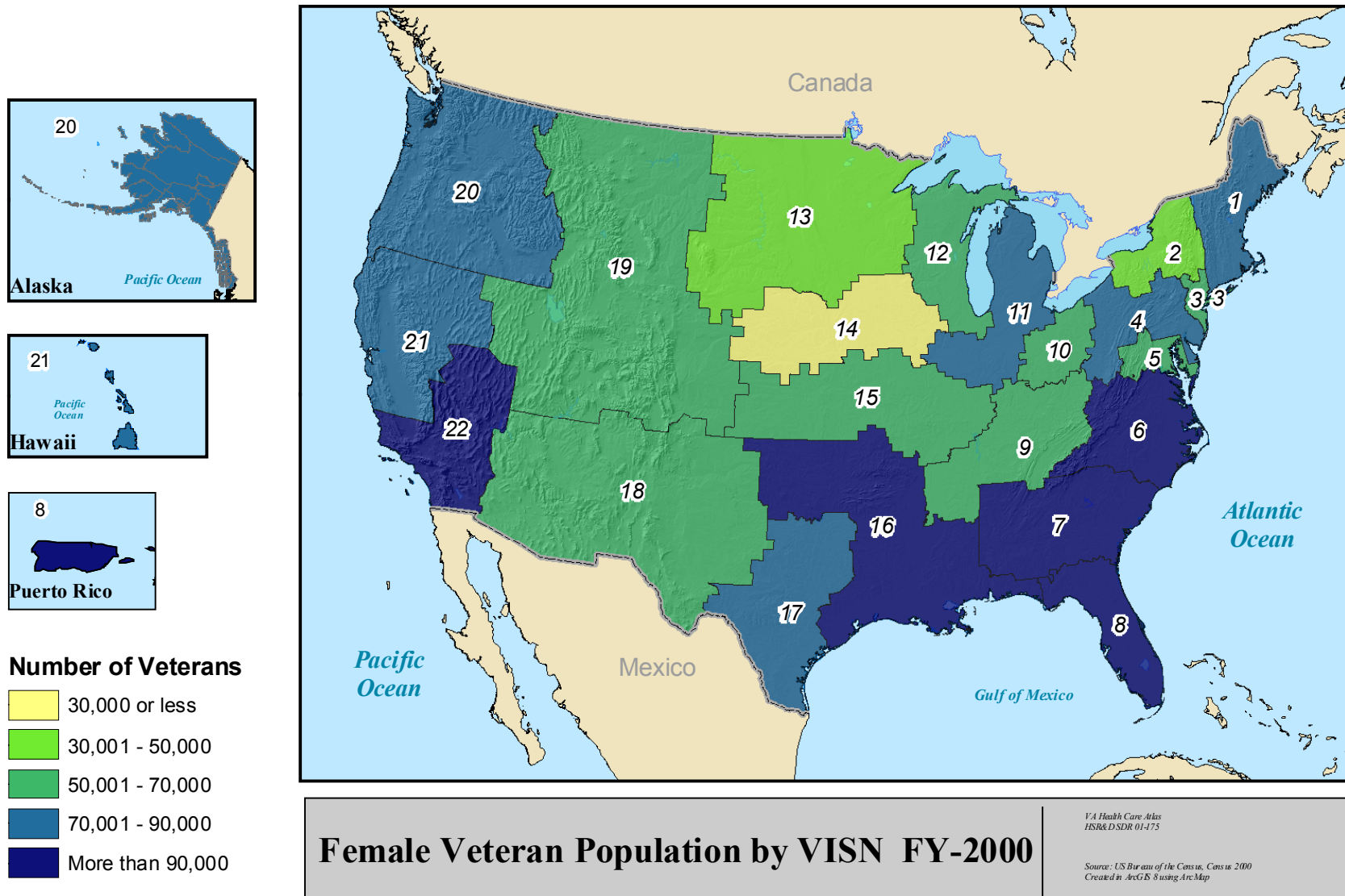
Map 1. 2: Veteran Population 65+





## Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN)

Map 1.3: Female Veteran Population





## Veteran Population

### State Veteran Population

Table 1.3 presents the number of veterans by age and gender for each state. The top ten states in terms of total veteran population in April 2000 were (in rank order): California (2,569,340), Florida (1,875,597), Texas (1,754,809), New York (1,361,164), Pennsylvania (1,280,788), Ohio (1,144,007), Illinois (1,003,572), Michigan (913,573), North Carolina (792,646), and Virginia (786,359).

### Elderly Veterans

The states with the largest elderly veteran population follow a similar rank and pattern as the total veteran population for the top two states, but the ranking for the remaining states is slightly different. In addition, the number of older veterans in New Jersey makes the top ten for the elderly population and the state of Virginia falls out. The most populous states with veterans 65 years of age and older are California, Florida, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, and North Carolina. Older veterans as a percentage of total veteran population shows that, with the exception of the state of Florida, the older veteran population appears to favor the Northeast section of the country. The state with the highest proportion of their veteran population 65 years of age and older was New Jersey (44%). Florida, a popular retirement destination, ranked second with 43.9% of the state's veteran population 65 years of age and older. Other states with relatively high percentages of older

veterans were: Massachusetts (43.2%), Connecticut (42.5%), Pennsylvania (42.5%), New York (42.4%), and Rhode Island (41.9%).

### Female Veterans

Three states had a female veteran population exceeding 100,000 individuals in 2000: California, Florida, and Texas. Female veterans as a percent of all veterans in the state was highest in Alaska (9.9%). Other states with a relatively large proportion of the veteran population female included: Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Georgia, Hawaii, Colorado, New Mexico and the state of Washington.

### Veterans as a Percent of the Civilian Population

Table 1.4 contains data on the total number of civilians 18 years of age and older, the number of veterans in the state, and veterans as a percent of the civilian population. Veterans, as a percentage of the civilian population, range from a high of 17.1% in the state of Alaska to a low of 9.5% in the state of New York. Three Western states, Montana (16.2%), Nevada (16.1%), and Wyoming (16.0%), follow Alaska in the proportion of their state's population having service time in the Armed Forces.

Maps 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6 graphically present the total, elderly, and female veteran populations by state.



## State Veteran Population

Table 1.3: Veteran Population by Age (<65,65+) and Gender

| Veteran Population by Age (<65, 65+) and Gender<br>by State, April 2000 |                             |               |         |                 |        |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| State   | Total Veteran<br>Population | Male Veterans |         | Female Veterans |        |
|   |                             | 18-64         | 65+     | 18-64           | 65+    |
| Alabama   | 447,397                     | 268,064       | 151,644 | 23,345          | 4,344  |
| Alaska  | 71,552                      | 53,119        | 11,323  | 6,566           | 544    |
| Arizona   | 562,916                     | 314,457       | 209,542 | 29,079          | 9,838  |
| Arkansas  | 281,714                     | 165,846       | 99,929  | 12,844          | 3,095  |
| California  | 2,569,340                   | 1,498,398     | 904,612 | 119,926         | 46,404 |
| Colorado  | 446,385                     | 287,524       | 125,424 | 27,703          | 5,734  |
| Connecticut   | 310,069                     | 167,711       | 127,024 | 10,477          | 4,857  |
| Delaware  | 84,289                      | 49,985        | 28,941  | 4,381           | 982    |
| DC  | 44,484                      | 23,578        | 17,119  | 2,756           | 1,031  |
| Florida   | 1,875,597                   | 962,706       | 790,574 | 89,173          | 33,144 |
| Georgia   | 768,675                     | 507,353       | 201,612 | 53,031          | 6,679  |
| Hawaii  | 120,587                     | 72,148        | 39,283  | 7,680           | 1,476  |
| Idaho   | 136,584                     | 84,512        | 43,873  | 6,598           | 1,601  |
| Illinois  | 1,003,572                   | 573,625       | 379,612 | 38,971          | 11,364 |
| Indiana   | 590,476                     | 361,359       | 200,002 | 23,074          | 6,041  |
| Iowa  | 292,020                     | 167,071       | 112,347 | 9,273           | 3,329  |
| Kansas  | 267,452                     | 156,233       | 96,213  | 12,290          | 2,716  |
| Kentucky  | 380,618                     | 232,360       | 128,310 | 16,079          | 3,869  |
| Louisiana   | 392,486                     | 235,364       | 132,585 | 20,218          | 4,319  |
| Maine   | 154,590                     | 92,555        | 53,062  | 6,601           | 2,372  |
| Maryland  | 524,230                     | 318,731       | 163,935 | 34,934          | 6,630  |
| Massachusetts   | 558,933                     | 299,435       | 230,170 | 18,046          | 11,282 |
| Michigan  | 913,573                     | 547,041       | 322,527 | 34,039          | 9,966  |



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### State Veteran Population

Table 1.3: Veteran Population by Age (<65,65+) and Gender (continued)

| Veteran Population by Age (<65, 65+) and Gender<br>by State, April 2000 (continued) |                             |                   |                  |                  |                |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| State   | Total Veteran<br>Population | Male Veterans     |                  | Female Veterans  |                |
|   |                             | 18-64             | 65+              | 18-64            | 65+            |
| Minnesota   | 464,968                     | 280,579           | 163,086          | 15,977           | 5,326          |
| Mississippi   | 249,431                     | 147,914           | 85,554           | 13,139           | 2,824          |
| Missouri  | 592,271                     | 349,408           | 211,497          | 25,412           | 5,954          |
| Montana   | 108,476                     | 65,839            | 36,124           | 5,006            | 1,507          |
| Nebraska  | 173,189                     | 100,838           | 62,281           | 8,257            | 1,813          |
| Nevada  | 238,128                     | 147,132           | 74,241           | 13,543           | 3,212          |
| New Hampshire   | 139,038                     | 86,027            | 44,998           | 5,681            | 2,332          |
| New Jersey  | 672,217                     | 355,197           | 286,574          | 21,202           | 9,244          |
| New Mexico  | 190,718                     | 113,834           | 62,695           | 11,421           | 2,768          |
| New York  | 1,361,164                   | 733,607           | 559,121          | 49,855           | 18,581         |
| North Carolina  | 792,646                     | 486,605           | 251,001          | 46,557           | 8,483          |
| North Dakota  | 61,365                      | 36,476            | 21,419           | 2,930            | 540            |
| Ohio  | 1,144,007                   | 676,247           | 409,665          | 44,534           | 13,561         |
| Oklahoma  | 376,062                     | 227,280           | 127,437          | 17,408           | 3,937          |
| Oregon  | 388,990                     | 235,138           | 130,093          | 17,453           | 6,306          |
| Pennsylvania  | 1,280,788                   | 692,913           | 527,033          | 43,143           | 17,699         |
| Rhode Island  | 102,494                     | 55,705            | 41,371           | 3,872            | 1,546          |
| South Carolina  | 420,971                     | 263,025           | 129,614          | 24,024           | 4,308          |
| South Dakota  | 79,370                      | 45,885            | 28,891           | 3,862            | 732            |
| Tennessee   | 560,141                     | 349,949           | 177,837          | 27,333           | 5,022          |
| Texas   | 1,754,809                   | 1,087,651         | 547,549          | 99,447           | 20,162         |
| Utah  | 161,351                     | 94,901            | 58,249           | 6,324            | 1,877          |
| Vermont   | 62,809                      | 37,953            | 21,113           | 2,561            | 1,182          |
| Virginia  | 786,359                     | 497,497           | 217,777          | 62,302           | 8,783          |
| Washington  | 670,628                     | 428,589           | 194,426          | 38,147           | 9,466          |
| West Virginia   | 201,701                     | 117,944           | 74,536           | 7,046            | 2,175          |
| Wisconsin   | 514,213                     | 304,250           | 184,691          | 19,230           | 6,042          |
| Wyoming   | 57,860                      | 37,036            | 17,319           | 2,850            | 655            |
| <b>National Total</b>   | <b>26,403,703</b>           | <b>15,494,594</b> | <b>9,315,855</b> | <b>1,245,600</b> | <b>347,654</b> |



## State Veteran Population

| Table 1.4: Veterans as a Percentage of Civilian Population 18+<br>By State, 2000 |                    |                         |                 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| State  | Veteran Population | Civilian Population 18+ | Percent Veteran |
| Alabama  | 447,397            | 3,310,446               | 13.5            |
| Alaska   | 71,552             | 419,320                 | 17.1            |
| Arizona  | 562,916            | 3,747,180               | 15.0            |
| Arkansas   | 281,714            | 1,987,107               | 14.2            |
| California   | 2,569,340          | 24,501,941              | 10.5            |
| Colorado   | 446,385            | 3,177,044               | 14.1            |
| Connecticut  | 310,069            | 2,557,792               | 12.1            |
| Delaware   | 84,289             | 585,855                 | 14.4            |
| DC   | 44,484             | 454,454                 | 9.8             |
| Florida  | 1,875,597          | 12,283,486              | 15.3            |
| Georgia  | 768,675            | 5,954,362               | 12.9            |
| Hawaii   | 120,587            | 878,220                 | 13.7            |
| Idaho  | 136,584            | 920,973                 | 14.8            |
| Illinois   | 1,003,572          | 9,158,208               | 11.0            |
| Indiana  | 590,476            | 4,504,723               | 13.1            |
| Iowa   | 292,020            | 2,192,132               | 13.3            |
| Kansas   | 267,452            | 1,962,154               | 13.6            |
| Kentucky   | 380,618            | 3,028,902               | 12.6            |
| Louisiana  | 392,486            | 3,232,426               | 12.1            |
| Maine  | 154,590            | 969,780                 | 15.9            |
| Maryland   | 524,230            | 3,910,942               | 13.4            |
| Massachusetts  | 558,933            | 4,847,708               | 11.5            |
| Michigan   | 913,573            | 7,341,880               | 12.4            |
| Minnesota  | 464,968            | 3,630,355               | 12.8            |
| Mississippi  | 249,431            | 2,054,721               | 12.1            |



**Table 1.4: Veterans as a Percentage of Civilian Population (cont)**

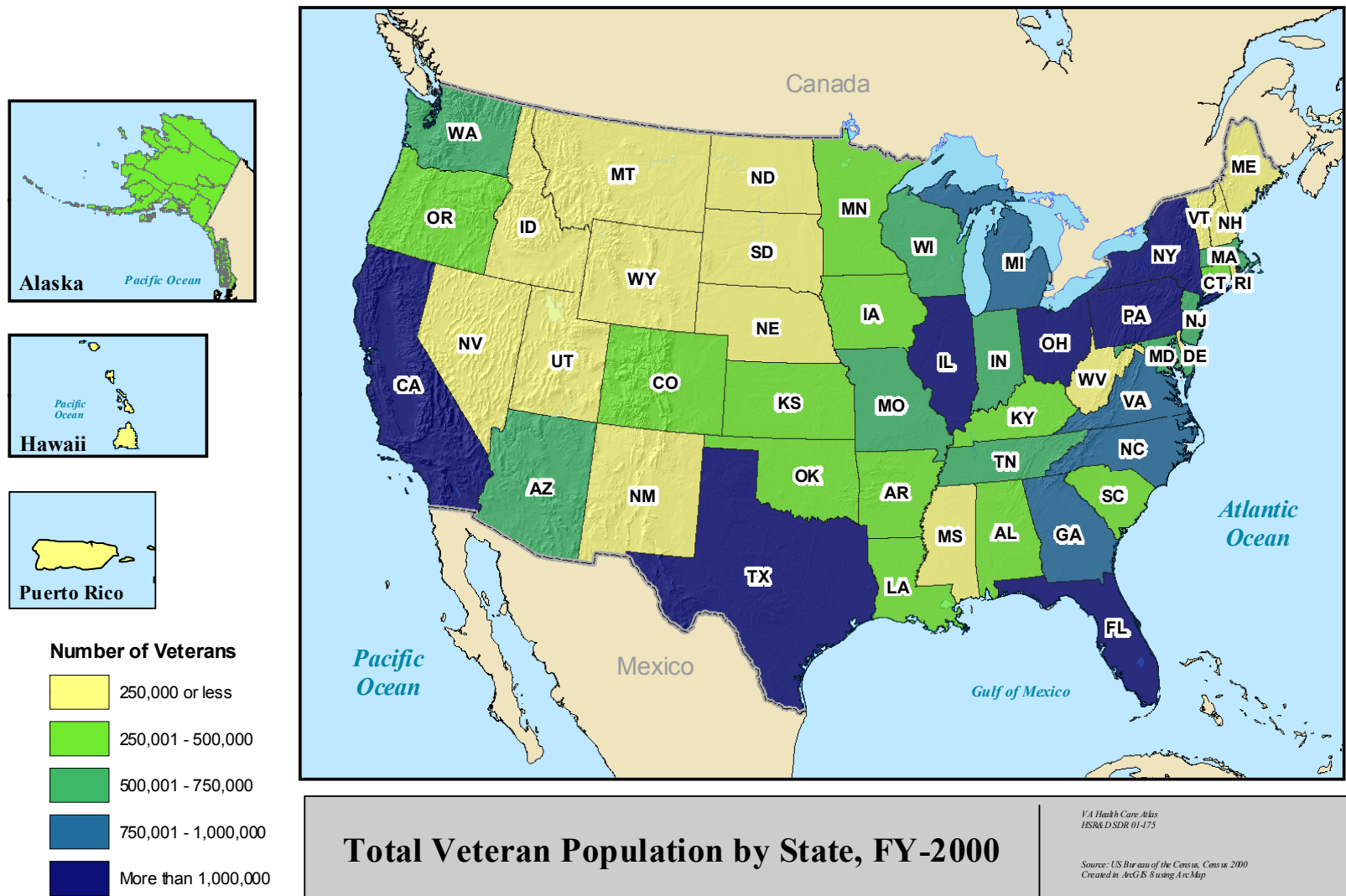
| State          | Veteran Population | Civilian Population 18+ | Percent Veteran |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Missouri       | 592,271            | 4,153,926               | 14.3            |
| Montana        | 108,476            | 668,651                 | 16.2            |
| Nebraska       | 173,189            | 1,253,717               | 13.8            |
| Nevada         | 238,128            | 1,480,440               | 16.1            |
| New Hampshire  | 139,038            | 926,066                 | 15.0            |
| New Jersey     | 672,217            | 6,321,650               | 10.6            |
| New Mexico     | 190,718            | 1,300,288               | 14.7            |
| New York       | 1,361,164          | 14,278,716              | 9.5             |
| North Carolina | 792,646            | 5,997,177               | 13.2            |
| North Dakota   | 61,365             | 474,210                 | 12.9            |
| Ohio           | 1,144,007          | 8,458,130               | 13.5            |
| Oklahoma       | 376,062            | 2,536,569               | 14.8            |
| Oregon         | 388,990            | 2,574,798               | 15.1            |
| Pennsylvania   | 1,280,788          | 9,354,471               | 13.7            |
| Rhode Island   | 102,494            | 797,047                 | 12.9            |
| South Carolina | 420,971            | 2,967,197               | 14.2            |
| South Dakota   | 79,370             | 548,771                 | 14.5            |
| Tennessee      | 560,141            | 4,274,395               | 13.1            |
| Texas          | 1,754,809          | 14,871,550              | 11.8            |
| Utah           | 161,351            | 1,510,842               | 10.7            |
| Vermont        | 62,809             | 460,487                 | 13.6            |
| Virginia       | 786,359            | 5,211,916               | 15.1            |
| Washington     | 670,628            | 4,336,464               | 15.5            |
| West Virginia  | 201,701            | 1,404,936               | 14.4            |
| Wisconsin      | 514,213            | 3,993,440               | 12.9            |
| Wyoming        | 57,860             | 362,387                 | 16.0            |



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### State Veteran Population

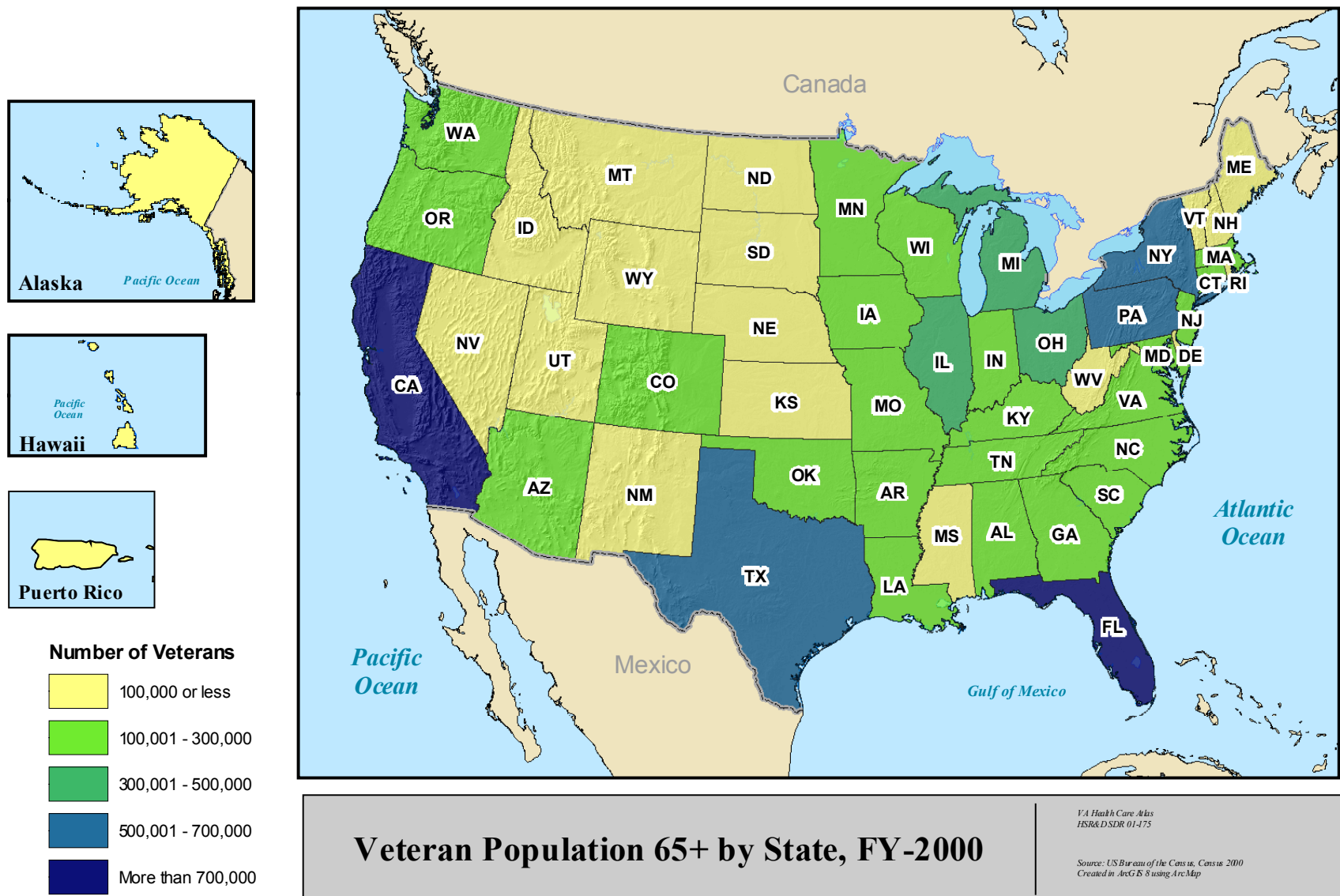
Map 1.4: Total Veteran Population





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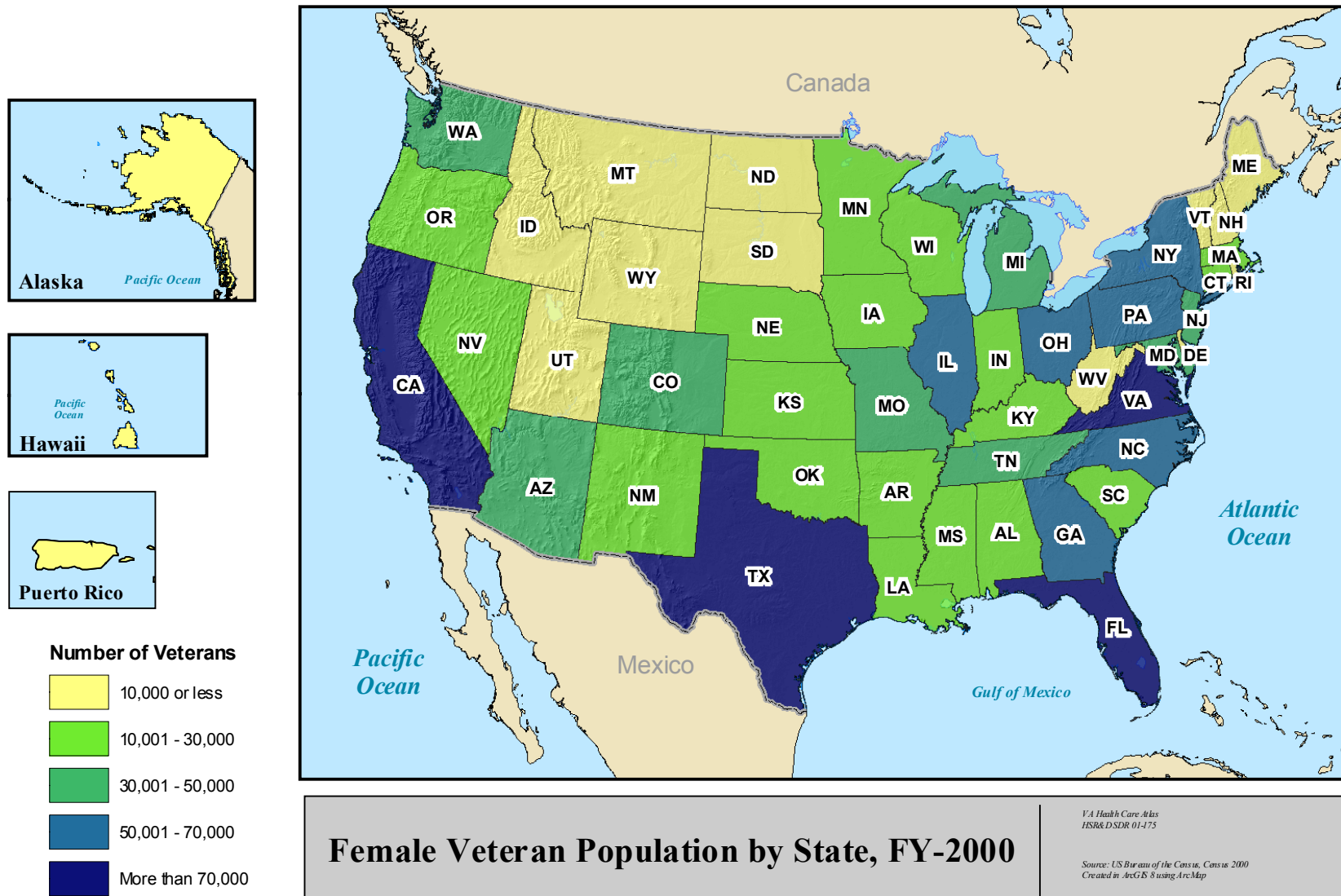
Map 1.5: Veteran Population 65+





## State Veteran Population

Map 1.6: Female Veteran Population





## Veteran Population

### County Veteran Population

Veteran population by age and gender for each county in the United States are available upon request. Counties that had the largest veteran population in 2000 were (in rank order):

1. Los Angeles County, California (510,712)
2. Cook County, Illinois (352,791)
3. Maricopa County, Arizona (307,784)
4. San Diego County, California (292,034)
5. Harris County, Texas (219,966)
6. Orange County, California (193,548)
7. Wayne County, Michigan (172,435)
8. King County, Washington (163,815)
9. Clark County, Nevada (158,864)
10. Bexar County, Texas (153,696)

### Elderly Veterans

The counties with the largest elderly veteran population included Los Angeles, Cook, Maricopa, San Diego, Harris, Orange and Wayne Counties similar to the total veteran population, but two Florida counties, Palm Beach and Broward, were also represented in the top ten list for veterans 65 years of age and older. Allegany County in Pennsylvania also made the top ten in the numbers of older veterans residing in the area.

### Female Veterans

Similar to the total and elderly population, many of the most populous counties also contained relatively large numbers of female veterans. The top ten counties for female veterans are:

1. Los Angeles County, California (30,483)
2. San Diego County, California (25,895)
3. Maricopa County, Arizona (21,111)
4. Cook County, Illinois (18,740)
5. Bexar County, Texas (17,089)
6. Harris County, Texas (14,574)
7. Clark County, Nevada (11,378)
8. King County, Washington (11,001)
9. Orange County, California (10,542)
10. Dallas County, Texas (10,468)

### Veterans as a Percent of the Civilian Population

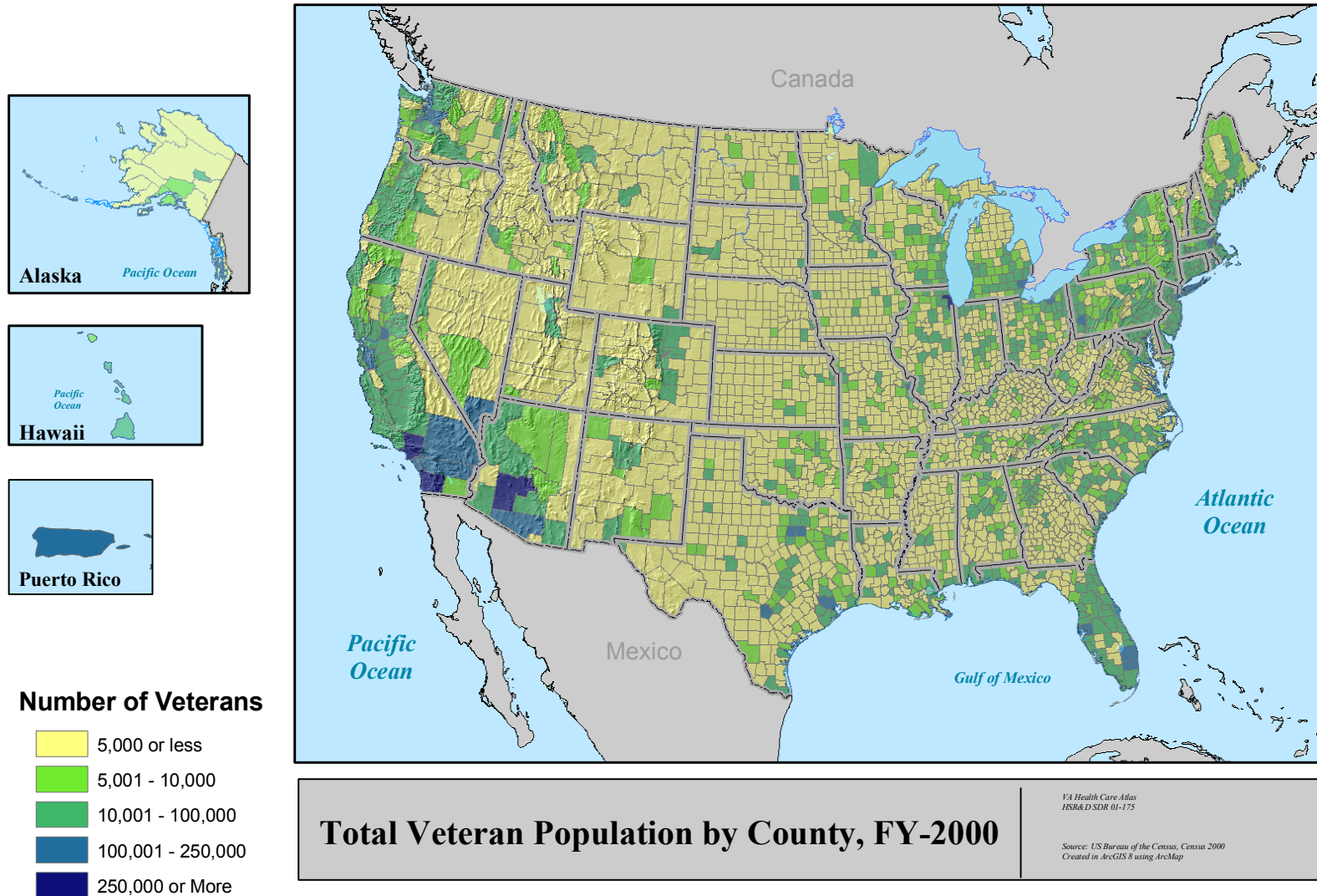
The percent veteran in the civilian population ranges from 39.1% in Elmore County, Idaho to a low of 0% in Kalawao County, Hawaii (this was the only county in United States that had 0% veterans).

Maps 1.7, 1.8, and 1.9 present the total, elderly, and female veteran population by county. Additionally, Maps 1.10-1.14 graphically display veterans as a proportion of the civilian population by county, with detail provided by VISN.



## County Veteran Population

Map 1.7: Total Veteran Population

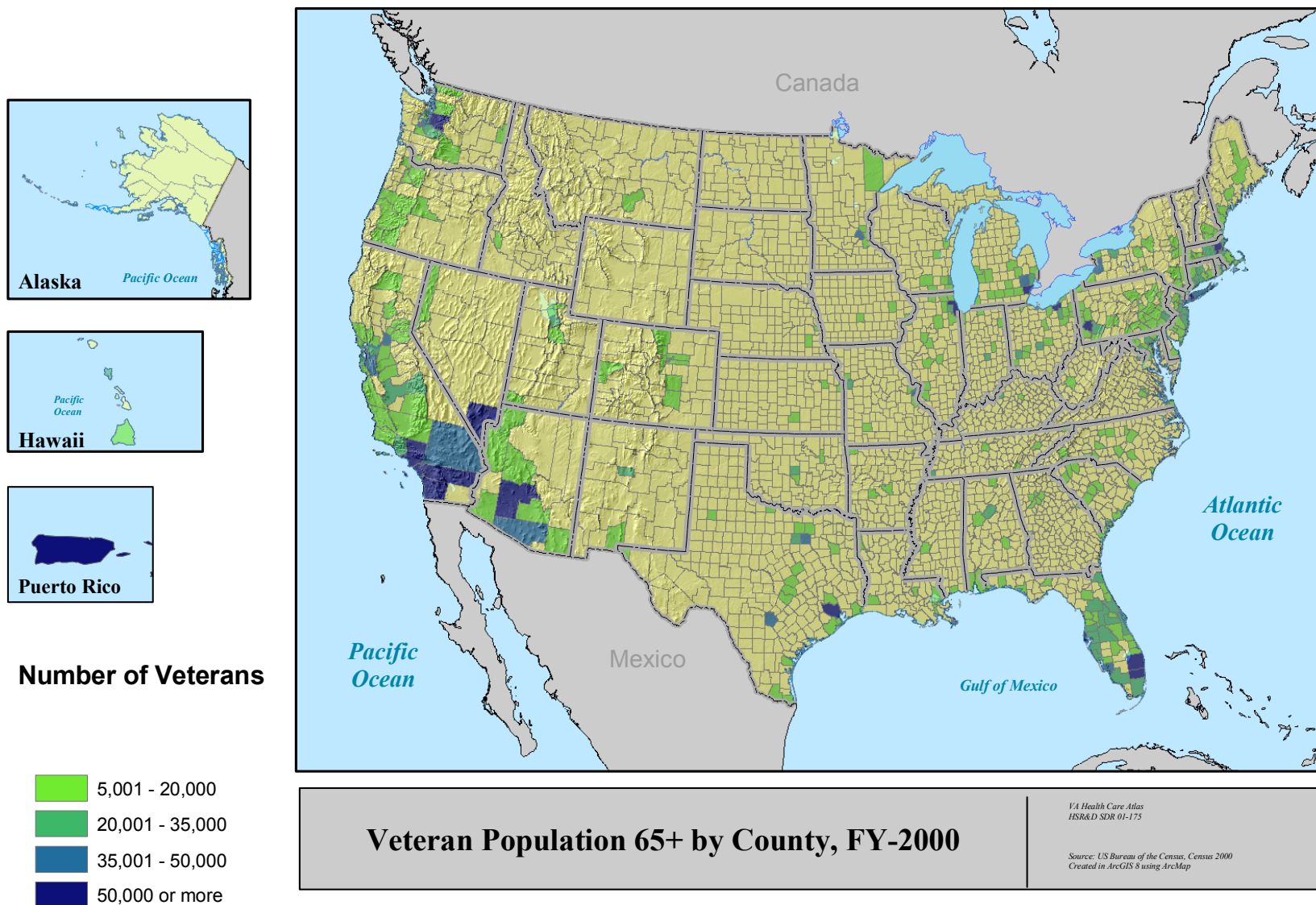




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## County Veteran Population

Map 1.8: Veteran Population 65+



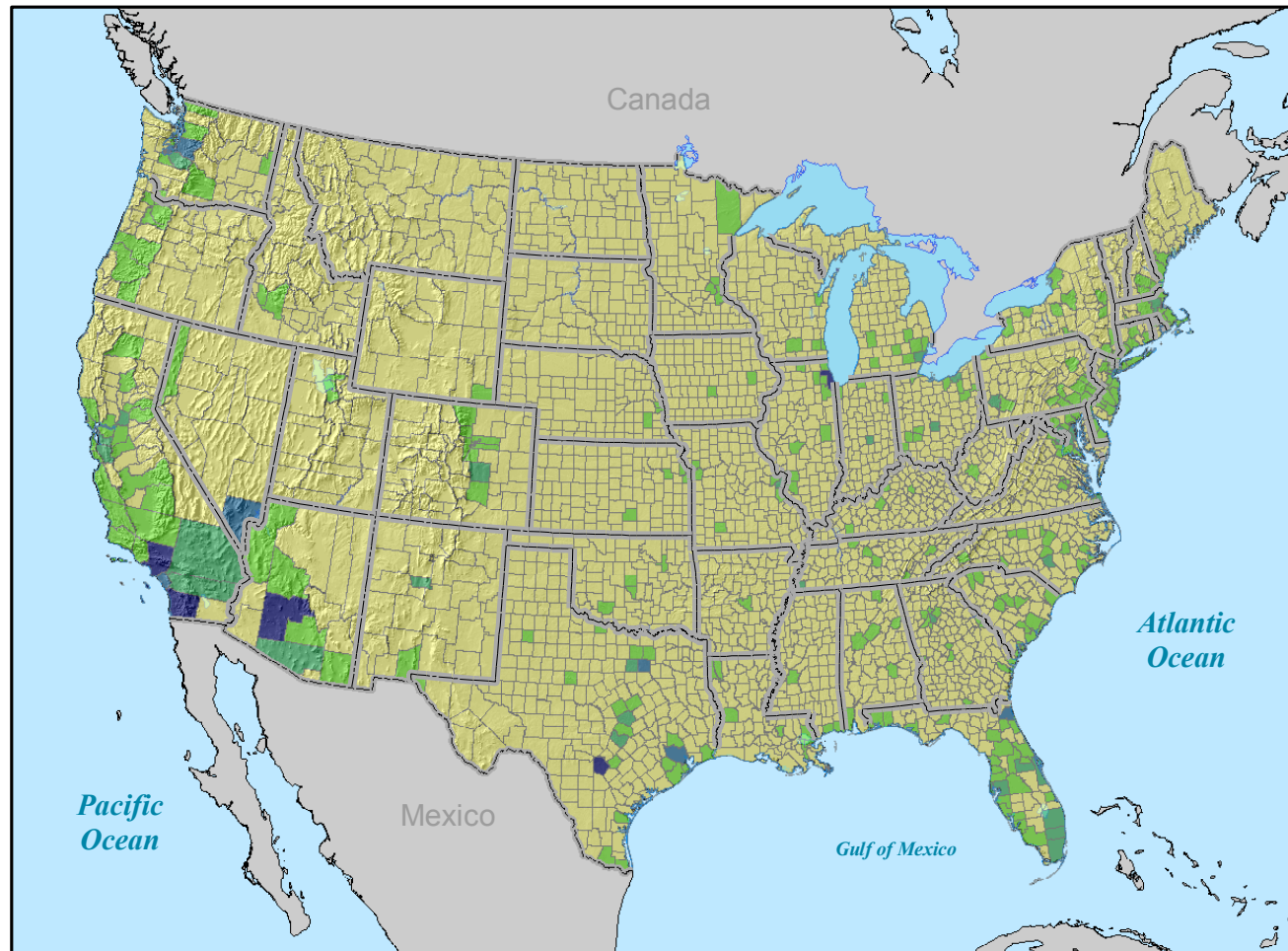
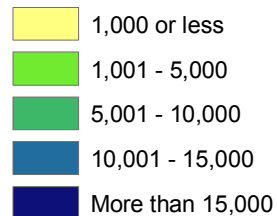


## County Veteran Population

Map 1.9: Female Veteran Population



### Number of Veterans



## Female Veteran Population by County, FY-2000

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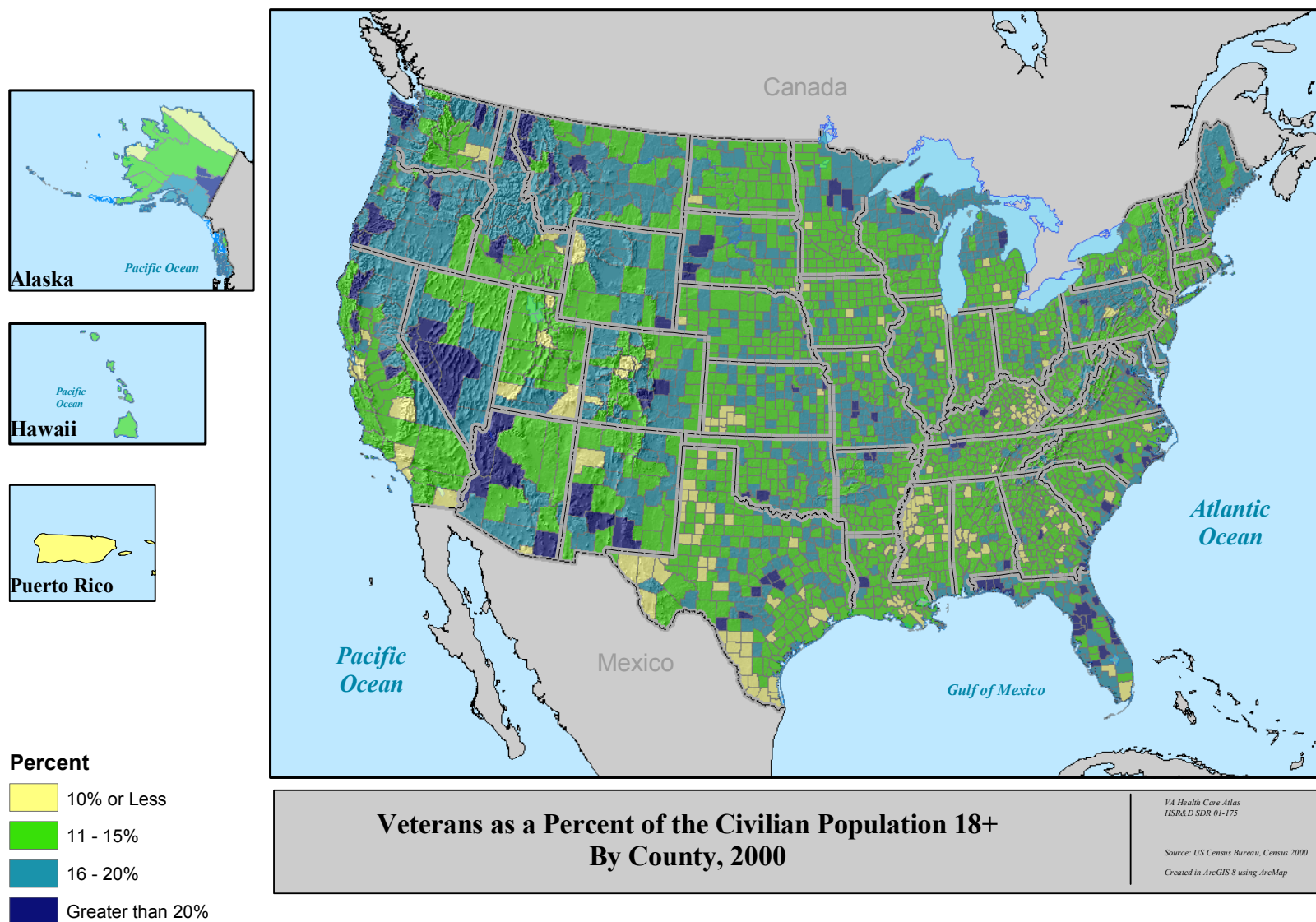
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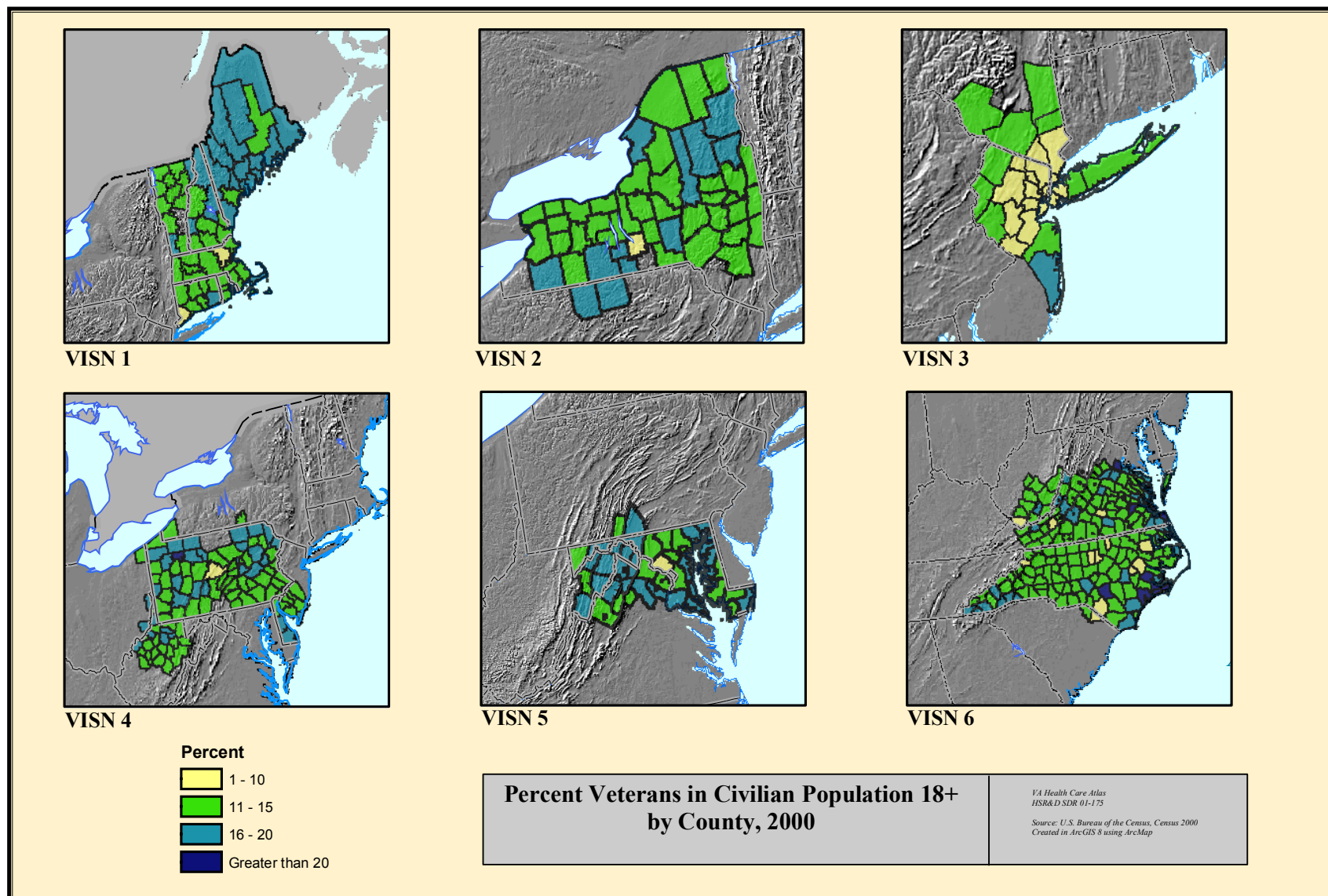
## County Veteran Population

Map 1.10: Veterans as a Percentage of Civilian Population





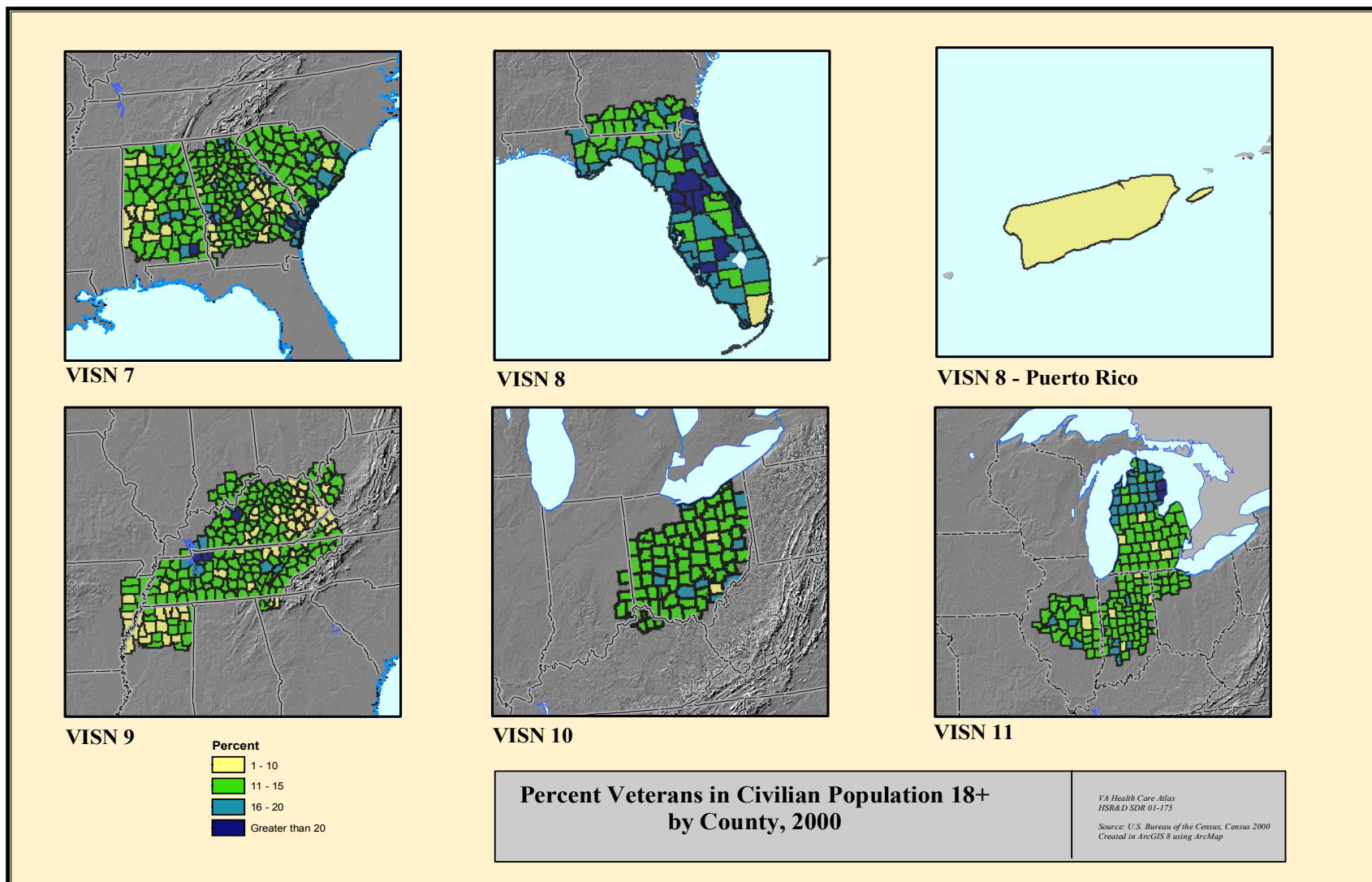
County Veteran Population – Map 1.11





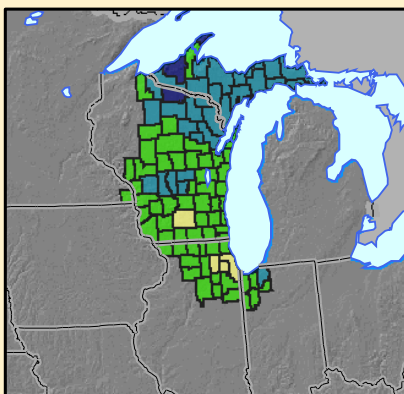
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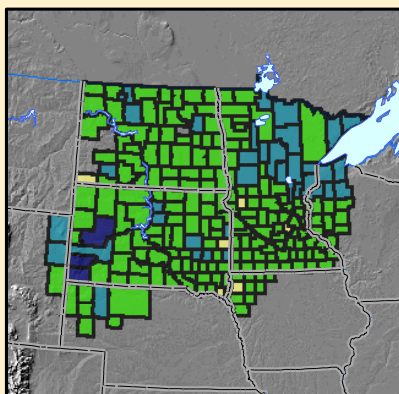




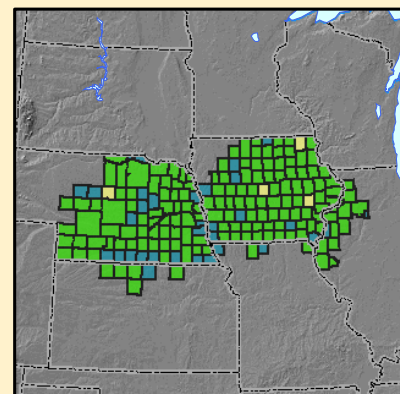
## County Veteran Population – Map 1.13



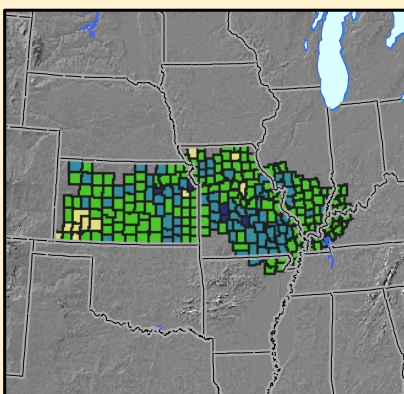
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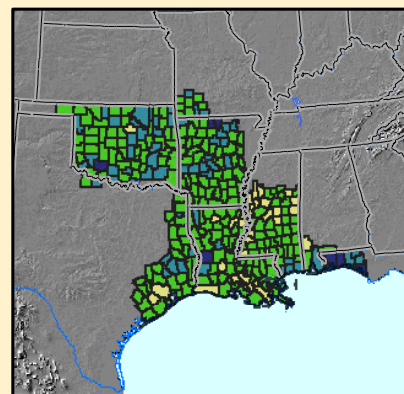
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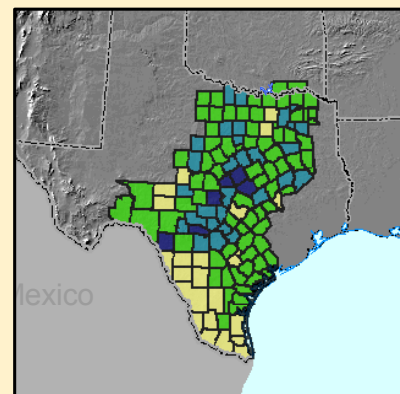
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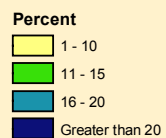
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**Percent Veterans in Civilian Population 18+  
by County, 2000**

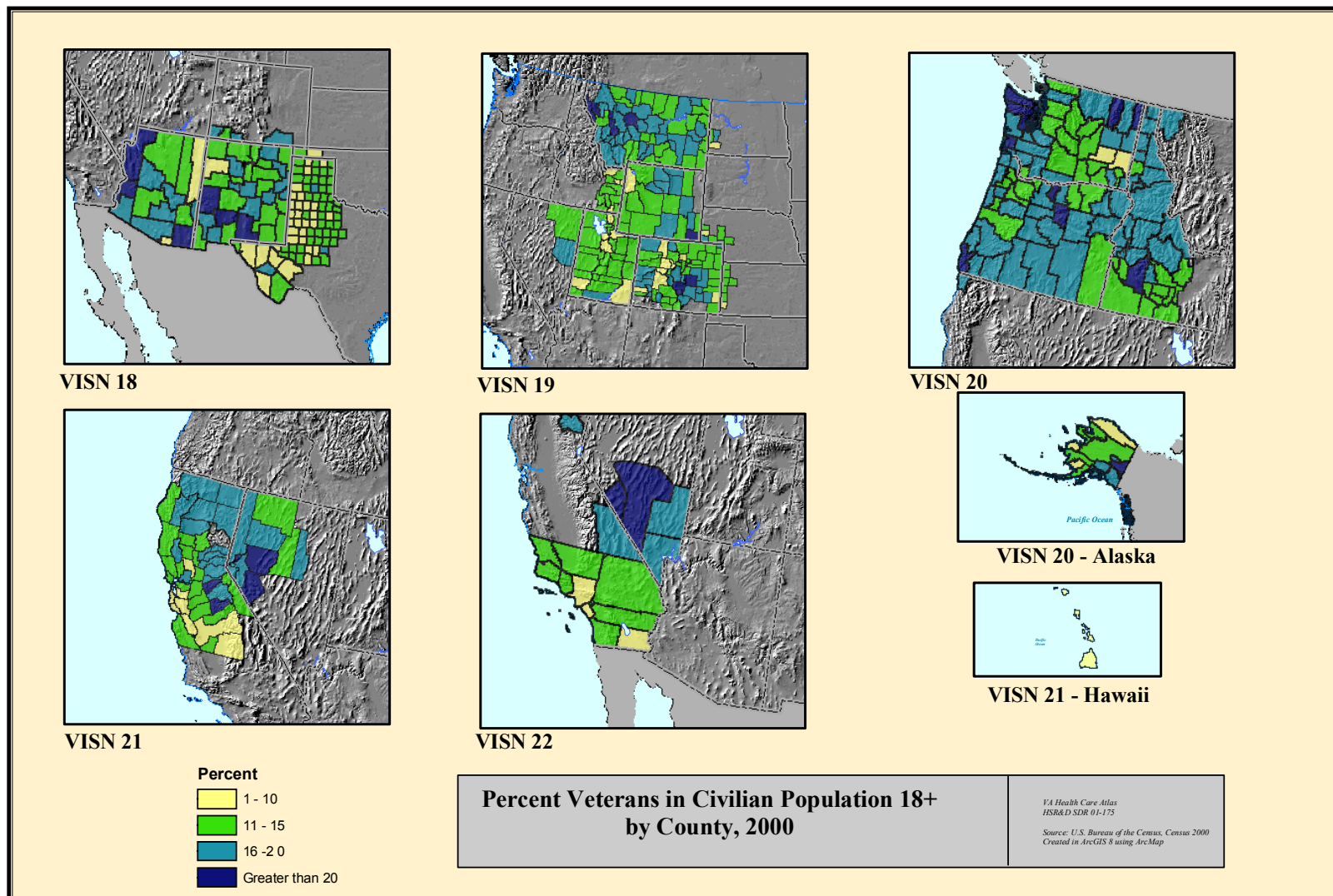
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### County Veteran Population – Map 1.14





### For More Information

While the Census 2000 is the best source of information on veteran population estimates in the year 2000, researchers and other individuals may require population estimates and projections beyond this base year. In the Department of Veterans Affairs, the best source of information for population projections is the VA Office of Policy and Planning. The Actuarial Analysis & Data Development Service is responsible for developing operational or administrative information to address such things as long- and short-term trends in veteran population and workload. It develops and is the official national source for veteran population projections, working with Census data and various actuarially-sound assumptions. To see the wide array of veteran data the Service has compiled, visit the Web site: <http://www.va.gov/vetdata>

The Chief Actuary's responsibilities include analysis of the base population's demographics; disability and utilization rates; cost effects of amending benefits amounts or eligibility rules; and adequacy of program funding under various functions. The Service is responsible for the design and conduct of the National Survey of Veterans. The Service identifies, collects, and disseminates existing data within VA and establishes as necessary exchanges with other government and private sector organizations. They are likewise responsible for identifying and obtaining access to non-VA data that contain veteran identifiers and which further inform VA's information base and allow enhanced comparative analysis of veterans and non-veterans.

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